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A. Introductory Comments

Based on the amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration of this application and entry of this amendment under Rule 116 is respectfully requested.

This amendment is in response to the office action dated April 17, 2008. In the office action, claims 1, 3-5, 11-12 and 24-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being obvious over Gilboa et al (hereinafter Gilboa) (US2004/0148586A1), in further view of Gupta et al. (hereinafter Gupta) (US 5913061). Further, claim 28 was objected to as being dependent on the rejected base claim but noted allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the objections and rejections cited above, amendments that are required to make the claims allowable, have been made to the claims. Claims 25 and 27 - 28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, claims 1, 12 and 24 have been amended.

When filed, this patent application contained 4 independent claims and 26 total claims. In response to a restriction requirement from USPTO, claims 13-23 had been withdrawn from the patent application. By this amendment the withdrawn claims have now been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. After this amendment, this application contains 3 independent claims and 8 total claims. Accordingly, it is believed that no additional claim fee is due. Nevertheless, it is requested that Deposit Account No. 502158 be charged for any fee required for entry of this amendment.